

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026.**

Scheduled for 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.

**** This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, with virtual participation via ZOOM and CMVNY Facebook. The meeting was not closed to the public.****

PRESIDING: Jaevon Boxhill, Acting City Council President

OTHERS: Nicole Bonilla, City Clerk; Jordan A. Riullano, Deputy City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Greg Bailey, Asst. Corp. Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by Councilwoman Gleason

Acting Council President Jaevon Boxhill called the meeting to order and provided general house-keeping rules, including encouraging citizens to share the meeting on social media and what to do “in case of emergency”. Council President Thompson explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. He then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

PUBLIC COMMENT

1.) Donald Moore - 7:05 PM **VIRTUAL**
Spoke on Police Officer Derrick Williams

2.) Damon Jones- 7:10 PM
Spoke on Police Officer Derrick Williams

3.) Michael Hannon - 7:14 PM
Spoke on Police Officer Derrick Williams

4.) Geoff Munroe - 7:05 PM
Betterment of Mount Vernon as well as ICE tactical presence in Mount Vernon

Council President Thompson and Councilman Wallace both spoke on not having the ability to speak on personal matters in regard to DERRICK WILLIAMS, Councilmember Turnquest - Jones spoke on her union leadership and employer of the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) president that a situation similar to Derrick Williams does not happen again. She also had cards for the public to use when approached by ICE agents. Councilwoman Gleason spoke on her history with the Mount Vernon Police Department and that she reached out to the Westchester Blue Foundation and requested that he used those resources. She spoke on ICE's presence in Mount Vernon. Councilman Boxhill spoke on Derrick Williams being a childhood friend and that he has spoken to all city officials and the PBA to find the best possible outcome and expressed his sentiments. He spoke on the drone surveillance and that the public should be included in those conversations.

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

PRESENT: Council President Derrick Thompson, Pro Tempore Jaevon Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Cathlin Gleason, Councilmember Cynthia Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Andre Wallace

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

The **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

1. **[TMP-1893](#)**

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Emergency Printer Support Contract Aztec](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

2. **[TMP-1894](#)**

Code: LPW

Attachments: [HI-Link Egergency Email Protection Support](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

3. **[TMP-1900](#)**

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter -Memorandum of Understanding with The Guidance Center of Westchester Center for College Careers docx](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

4. [TMP-1895](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [1.20.26 RFQ 7.25 Contract Award W+C](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

5. [TMP-1896](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [1.12.26 National Water Main Extension No. 122022-1](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

6. [TMP-1897](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [1.12.26 National Water Main Extension No. 122022-2](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

7. [TMP-1898](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [RFP - Emergency Various Equipment - Acceptance Letter](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

8. [TMP-1899](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Professional Engineering RFP](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

9. [TMP-1902](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [1.21.26 Large_Scale Engineering 2.26 RFQ](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

10. [TMP-1904](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [City Council Referral Letter - Kenneth McBryde - Tree Trimmer Legislation Rescind](#)
[City Council Referral Letter - Mr. Kenneth McBryde - Tree Trimmer - Revised - February 5 2026](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

11. [TMP-1903](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [NYCOM Winter 2026](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: I will be paying the cost myself so it is not any cost to the city.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **HUMAN RESOURCES** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

No Items

To the Council:

The **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

12. [TMP-1884](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [REFERRAL LETTER - CUMMINS ALLISON](#)

Moved: Councilman Wallace, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **FINANCE AND PLANNING** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

13. [TMP-1877](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [MRBContractrenewlegislation20260001](#)

Moved: Councilman Wallace, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

ADD-ON

14. **TMP**
-1909

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral letter- amending refuse fee](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones

On the question: none.

Response: Councilman Wallace: Abstain - I did not see the old legislation or review the new one.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, and Councilmember Turnquest-Jones

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Councilmember Wallace

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilman Thompson: requests to keep Mount Vernon Family in prayers, they lost a family member. Mount Vernon should take a stance as other communities to put forth legislation and take a stance against ICE and terroize our residents.

Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: spoke on residents being vigilant on ICE's presence and look out for people who may get stopped.

Councilwoman Wallace: Spoke on the current president being a dictator and identified the similarities between this president and what happened in Germany.

Council President Boxhill: Spoke on when the President was asked his opinion about the nurse who was killed by the ICE agents and how the president stated that he didnt like that the man has a gun on him. Thanked Department of Public Works, Office of Emergency Management, Police Department and Fire Department for helping the citizens of Mount Vernon.

Councilman Thompson: implored the residents to be mindful because there is going to be a request to move cars so streets can be plowed.

Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: spoke on the natural occurrence of snow and how it is beneficial.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

approved

- Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace
- Nay:** None
- Absent:** None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk